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CASTLE DRAKENSTEYN in Lage Vuursche, province of Utrecht, is the property of Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands. The castle was built in 1640-1643, but has been renovated several times since. Beatrix and her children made this their home between 1963 and 1981. She will return here after her abdication. More on the abdication and crowning of the new King on pages 18 & 19.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Saturday 4 May	"Remembrance Service at Karrakatta"	
Sunday 5 May	"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thursday 9 May	"DJVV Club" (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Saturday 11 May	"Smorgasbord of Jazz and Great Food"	
	With the Storyville Jazz Club	7.00 pm
	Costs: \$40.00 p.p. all inclusive	
Thursday 23 May	"DJVV Club" (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 31 May	"End of Month Drinks"	
	More information on page 5	
Sunday 2 June	"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Thursday 6 June	"DJVV Club" (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Thursday 20 June	"DJVV Club" (Fortnightly)	Shop open
Friday 28 June	"End of Month Drinks"	
	More information on page 5	
Sunday 7 July	"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Friday 26 July	"End of Month Drinks"	
	More information on page 5	
Sunday 4 August	"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"	11.00 am
	Cost: \$8.00	
Friday 30 August	"End of Month Drinks"	
	More information on page 5	

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Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)



Questionnaire

In February, with the approval of the committee, I sent out a questionnaire with pretty defined questions. The purpose of the questionnaire was to get a feel, an idea, of what the Dutch Community thinks of

Neerlandia. Does the community need an organization like Neerlandia and, if so, why. And if the community needs an organization like Neerlandia, what are the expectations? In other words, how can Neerlandia serve the Dutch in WA? Only with those questions answered will it be possible for the Neerlandia Committee to gauge what direction to go in the next 5 years.

To find out about the wants and needs within the Dutch Community, Jacqueline Kommers a student from The Netherlands and Nanny Giels, a Dutch lady living in Perth, assisted me with setting up a questionnaire and with processing the subsequent answers.

As you can imagine, this was an exciting and time consuming exercise. The questionnaire was sent to 142 Neerlandia members and non-members; it was also placed on Neerlandia's FaceBook page and a link was made on the FaceBook page of the closed group Dutchies in Perth. 89 people returned the questionnaire and it was obvious that people had made an effort to let us know what they think of a Dutch clubhouse in general and of Neerlandia in particular.

Where practical, the Committee will endeavor to take up the suggestions; in other cases the Committee will have to admit that under the present circumstances, the execution of various suggestions made are beyond the capacity of the club.

What was interesting to find though was that, like the generations before, amongst the Dutch, there is a need to have a location where they can gather to speak Dutch, to eat a kroketje or a bitterbal and to reconnect with the Netherlands. It was also interesting to see that the need of frequency of such gatherings is far smaller than in the past. This is greatly influenced by social media tools like FaceBook and Skype - tools that now enable people to stay in touch with

each other and with "home" without leaving the house.

It was encouraging to read that most of those who answered the questions are willing to take up membership in support of the club. Most people realize that membership of the Club, is supporting the existence of Neerlandia, the Neerlandia Shop and the import of particular Dutch liquors not available anywhere else in Western Australia.

In conclusion it can be stated that the majority of "new" Dutch like the idea of a Dutch Clubhouse but at this stage in their lives these same people are unable or disinterested to invest time in the running of the Club or be otherwise involved other than the occasional visit to socialize.

However, through the years, with the advance of their years, those Dutch who are now unable to find more time or time at all, to invest in the Club, will find that working within Neerlandia is an enjoyable past time as it connects with a past that only Dutch countrymen understand; it is the only place where you can be Dutch and be understood.

It is therefore that I have high hopes for the survival of Neerlandia; the future may not be in the Club's present form but there will always be a big enough interest to have a spot somewhere in Perth, where the Dutch can gather and where they can celebrate their cultural heritage. I find this thought rather encouraging.

As a result of this questionnaire I was approached by SBS Dutch Radio to be interviewed. This occurred and the interview was broadcast in two parts. The interview will be published in various parts in this magazine; links to the interview will come available before too long.

Furthermore, over the next few months you will also find results and comments of the questionnaire in the Neerlandia Magazine. In this issue you will find Part 1.

In closing I would like you to know that your opinion is of great value too! Every signed letter with constructive and new suggestions of ways to keep Neerlandia alive is greatly appreciated.

Lianna Parker
President



Sailing Ships:

Replica Dutch Sailing Ships seem to be in the news lately.

Not only has the Duyfken returned to Perth but the latest news is that 3 Dutch Tall Ships will visit

Fremantle in July/August this year.

These three ships will sail around the world from 2012 to 2014. They are the 'Oosterschelde', a monumental three-masted schooner; the square rigged bark 'Europa'; and the sailing lugger Tecla. The ships follow the route of Dutch explorers such as Cornelis de Houtman, Abel Tasman and Van Diemen.

During this circumnavigation they will pass the three notorious Dutch-named Capes: Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn.

They will visit Perth on their way to Hobart where they will take part in the Tall Ships Regatta from Hobart via Sydney to Auckland.

Further details about these ships can be found on pages 11 and 12 as well as on each of the three ships own websites.

World Cup Football (Soccer) 2014 Qualifying matches:

The Dutch national soccer team did win two more qualifying matches in March.

They beat Estonia 3-0 and Romania 4-0.

They have now played 6 matches, won them all and they are 7 points clear of the second placed team Hungary and can almost be guaranteed of a place in the finals, which will be held in Brazil in 2014.

This is something to look forward to and let's all hope that SBS will get the viewing rights.

For those that are interested in knowing, Perth is 11 hours ahead of Rio de Janeiro, this means that 8 pm evening matches can be viewed 7 am the next morning, but afternoon matches will be played 11 hours later in the middle of our night.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!!
THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW
MEMBERS OF**

THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Inge van Maanen

FIFA has finally decided to approve a goal-line technology system, which will be first used at the upcoming Federation Cup matches in June this year and it should be fully in place for the World Cup matches.

At least the referee will no longer have to rely on the linesmen to decide whether the ball has fully crossed the goal line, but he will have access to an instant replay to see if the ball has fully crossed the line in those doubtful circumstances. This decision by FIFA is to be applauded but it is years too late as many matches have been decided by the wrong decisions.

Coronation:

The abdication of Queen Beatrix and the crowning of Prince Willem-Alexander as King, and Princess Maxima as Queen is the big event that takes place on the 30th of April.

I have been informed by the Neerlandia Committee that the whole procedures will be shown on the big screen in the Neerlandia Clubhouse on Tuesday the 30th of April.

The Satellite and Antenna Guy Jamie Chester (see the advertisement below) has made sure that the BVN reception the main hall is of a good quality and we can surely recommend him to all our members, who need to install BVN or who have antenna problems with the digital switchover. However, be aware that bookings for the above mentioned Coronation are essential as they expect a full house.

Additional information is published on pages 18 & 19 of this magazine and with a bit of luck this magazine will reach the members in time.

I will do my bit and make sure that this magazine will go to the printer really early this month.

Pieter Leeftang,
your editor.

The Satellite and Antenna Guy Jamie Chester

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... Dutch TV

... Digital Local TV

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Sunday Klaverjas Drives.

De eerstvolgende Klaverjas Drives worden gehouden op zondag 5 Mei en op zondag 1 Juni.



Kosten: \$8.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen in het Neerlandia Clubhuis.

De prijzen zijn tegoed bonnen voor onze winkel.

Lunch & 2 kopjes koffie zijn bij de toegangsprijs inbegrepen.

De toegangsprijs prijs is iets omhoog gegaan om de steigende onkosten te dekken.

Aanvang 11.00 uur.

Iedereen is welkom.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$55.00 PER LITER
OUDE Jenever	\$55.00 PER LITER
JONGE Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
CITROEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$50.00 PER LITER
POLLEN BESSEN Jenever	\$50.00 PER LITER
ZWARTE BESSEN Jenever	\$40.00 PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$40.00 PER LITER
MILLWOOD LIQUEUR	\$35.00 per 700 ML
DIKKE ADVOCaat	\$32.00 per 700 ML

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2
Fridays:	10.00 am—Noon



PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN:

Every Wednesday from:
11.00 am—1.00 pm

End of Month Drinks

**The next two End of Month Drinks will be held
on Friday the 31st of May 2013 and
on Friday the 28st of June.**

The Bar is open from 5.30 pm - 9.00 pm.

Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with old friends or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!

Available from the Kitchen:

Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! A variety of "belegde broodjes" from the Dutch Butcher.

The Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome.

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke



Volunteer news:

Every month you read that we are looking for volunteers. We have a big building to run and we have around 400 members to keep satisfied. Much to our happiness we are able to introduce a few new volunteers to you: By the time that you are reading this

article, Inge will have joined the committee! It is Inge's intention to take over secretarial duties from Marieke who will be leaving us in August. We are very happy and we consider ourselves very lucky to have a young and enthusiastic person who joined the Committee. We are always looking for more committee members. If you are interested in running the club and if you have constructive ideas of how to do this, please don't hesitate to contact one of us to discuss this further. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Yolanda is our new Cash Girl: during EoM drinks she will take your food order and your money. Yolanda also keeps an eye on those people visiting the club for the first time. That way we are able to introduce the newbies to the regulars.

We are very happy that Todd offered to be our second photographer of functions organized in the Club. Todd and Pieter will work together on a roster so that there is more flexibility when it comes to taking pictures.

Welcome Todd!

Mies has kindly offered to assist us with clearing out the Library. We plan to replace all old books with the new ones that have been so kindly donated to us over the past year. We will let you know when we have finished with the reorganisation.

Wilna and Liora have joined forces with us to help set up the hall and the Pieter Leeftang Lounge for the last Fridays of each month. They first assisted for the March function and it was such a positive experience: fresh input, new ideas - it was fun working together. And a job that normally takes the whole morning was now done in just over an hour. A big thank you to both ladies and welcome to the End of Month Volunteering Crew.

Thank You!

Thank you to Marion and Annelie for their wonderful work in the kitchen over time. Their input and their energy will be missed. However, much to our relief, both ladies offered to help out every now and again. They can rest assured that we'll take them up on their offer!

Thank you Dora and Anne for always cleaning the Children's Paradise before the kids come to play during EoM Drinks.

And thank you Gerry for organizing and sorting out all the games that people so generously donate for the Children's Paradise. Your energy and your suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Donations:

Donations keep coming in for which we would like to

thank you all. The latest one was a box with 45rpm singles kindly donated by Piet Heesters. The singles are all Dutch music that will certainly bring back memories for many of you. Are you interested to have a look at them? Please contact Lianna Parker on lianna_parker@bigpond.com or 0419 181 154.



Functions:

Much to our regret we had to cancel our scheduled Easter Brunch due to lack of interest. It was especially disappointing for Gerry, who had put in a lot of effort to brighten up the tables with the appropriate decorations. The kitchen staff had looked forward to using the new multi slice toaster. Alas, that now has to wait until next time.

Magazine:

You will have noticed that lately the Neerlandia Magazine is arriving later than it used to. We changed printers and with the new printers we are trying to find a solution for the delay in delivery. We hope to have this issue sorted out to everyone's satisfaction before too long.

Meanwhile Rob and Kaye Wegman, have advised the Committee that after June this year, they will not be available anymore to pick up and process the magazines when the magazine is printed. Although we will miss their assistance greatly, the Committee appreciates their decision. We are now looking for one or two couples who are interested in taking over their job.

Are you (preferably) living North of the river and you have 1 or 2 days spare per month? This job could be yours! Please don't hesitate to contact Henri on 945 94180 to discuss the details with him.

The alternative would be that the Club pays the printers to look after the distribution of the magazine. And that is something that we prefer not to do as we are certain that we have a few people amongst our 443 members who are willing to take on the task of distribution of our Neerlandia Magazine.

Questionnaire:

As I mentioned in this month's President's Report, please find following the first part of the results of the online questionnaire held in February 2013.

We would like to thank Nannie and Jacqueline for their assistance in setting up the questionnaire (Jacqueline) and for processing the results (Nannie).

To give a clear insight into the questionnaire and the results, the following will be in Dutch, as were the questionnaire itself and the results.

Onderzoeksmethodiek

Online enquête

15 meerkeuzevragen

Eventjes bijpraten met Lianna & Marieke

3 open vragen cq ruimte voor suggesties
Vragenlijst bereikbaar de hele maand februari 2013
Respondenten opgeroepen via FaceBook (2 groepen) en
gestuurd naar een selecte groep email contacten
Totaal aantal respondenten: 89

Uitkomst

Leeftijd Respondenten

18 - 28 jaar 8%
28 - 35 jaar 16%
35 - 45 jaar 30%
45 - 65 jaar 36%
>65 jaar 10%

2 Heb je een partner met wie je samenwoont in Perth

Ja 85%
Nee 15%

3 Woon je permanent in Perth

Ja 80%
Nee 20%

4 Heb je kinderen?

Ja 70%
Nee 30%

5 Heb je behoefte om op regelmatige basis andere Nederlanders te ontmoeten?

Ja 89%
Nee 11%

6 Ben je wel eens in de Nederlandse Club geweest?

Ja 86%
Nee 14%

7 Vind je het belangrijk dat Perth een Nederlands cultuurcentrum heeft met een sociale functie

Ja 92%
Nee 8%

8 Neerlandia werd in 1969 als Nederlandse Club opgericht.

Vind je het belangrijk dat het clubgebouw in de huidige vorm wordt gehandhaafd?

Ja 45%
Nee 55%

9 De Nederlandse Club streeft er naar om een sociaal platform te zijn. Ook wil de Club de Nederlandse keuken brengen, Nederlandse producten verkopen en Nederlandse gezelligheid leveren.

Slaagt de Club hierin volgens jou?

Ja 83%
Nee 17%

10 Weet jij wat "Einde van de Maand Borrel is"?

Ja, ik ben er geweest 76%
Ja, ik heb ervan gehoord 22%
Nee 2%

11 Zou je iets nieuws in de Nederlandse Club willen zien? (Er werden vijf keuzes gegeven)

Nederlandse Boekenclub 15%

Nederlandstalige Films 24%
Indonesische Keuken 24%
Workshops 20%
Niet geïnteresseerd 17%

12 Als je kinderen hebt, vind je het belangrijk hen aan activiteiten in de Nederlandse Club te laten deelnemen?

Ja 57%
Nee 43%

13 Vind je het belangrijk dat Neerlandia actief blijft?

Ja 90%
Nee 10%

14 Zou je tijd in Neerlandia willen investeren?

Ja 30%
Nee 70%

15 Zou je lid willen worden van de Nederlandse Club en daarmee de club steunen en laten voortbestaan?

Ja 80%
Nee 20%

Eind Part 1. Volgende maand wordt er dieper op sommige antwoorden ingegaan.

Shop:

After months of beschuit being in short supply, we seem to be back on top of things again. We'd like to thank you all for being so patient while our suppliers were waiting on stock to arrive from The Netherlands. Of course we try to stay on top of the demand by ordering our products early. We're positive that you understand that sometimes supply issues get the better of our planning though. This will unfortunately continue to happen and when it does, we count on your support and understanding while we wait for the next shipment to arrive.

On a brighter note, Anne Heistek continues to help Marieke out in the shop, ready to take over the reins when Marieke leaves us on 1 August. Anne has met some of the suppliers and has been involved in stocking the shop and ordering.

Meanwhile we continue to enjoy our partnership with John Otis. The feedback on the quality of his kroketten and bitterballen has been fantastic. Have you tried them yet? And what about the fresh sliced meats he supplies regularly? It certainly beats the sliced meats you get from your local supermarket!

Lianna

Thank you:

I'd like to thank everyone for their well wishes following my pregnancy announcement. It's a very exciting time, but also very busy, with a toddler in tow and work and Neerlandia commitments continuing as usual. By the time this magazine reaches you, we will have found out whether Harry will be having a little brother or sister!

Marieke



Laughter is still the best medicine



CHINESE SICK LEAVE: 'I NO COME WORK TODAY.'

Wong Chow calls into work and says: 'I no come work today, I really sick. Got headache, stomach ache and legs hurt, I no come work.'

The boss says: 'You know something, Wong Chow, I really need you today. When I feel sick like you do, I go to my wife and tell her I want her to make love to me. That makes everything better and I go to work. You try that.'

Two hours later Wong Chow calls again. 'I do what you say and I feel great... I be at work soon.... You got nice house.'

Sound Advice.

On a transatlantic flight, a plane passes through a severe storm.

The turbulence is awful, and things go from bad to worse when one wing is struck by lightning.

One woman, in particular, loses it. Screaming, she stands up in the front of the plane.

'I'm too young to die,' she wails.

Then she yells, 'If I'm going to die, I want my last minutes on earth to be memorable!

Is there anyone on this plane who can make me feel like a WOMAN?'

For a moment there is silence. Everyone has forgotten their own peril.

They all stare, eyes riveted, at this desperate woman in the front of the plane. Then a shearer from Australia stands up in the rear of the plane.

He is handsome, well built, with dark brown hair and blue eyes.

He starts to walk slowly up the aisle, unbuttoning his shirt, one button at a time.

No one moves. He removes his shirt. Muscles ripple across his chest.

She gasps.

He whispers . . .

'Iron this. Then get me a beer'.

An easy solution:



Paddy & Murphy were waiting at the bus stop when a truck went past loaded up with rolls of turf. Paddy said, "I'm gonna do dat when I win da lottery." "What's dat den?" asks Murphy.

"Send me lawn away to be mowed."

Exercise:

During my physical examination, my doctor asked me about my physical activity level.

I described a typical day this way:

"Well, yesterday afternoon, I took a five hour walk, about 7 miles, through some pretty rough terrain.

I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through brambles.

I got sand in my shoes and my eyes, avoided standing on a snake and climbed several rocky hills.

I took a few 'leaks' behind some big trees. The mental stress of it all left me shattered.

At the end of it all, I drank eight beers".

Inspired by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoorsman!"

"No," I replied, "just a shitty golfer".

The present:

A woman goes to Italy to attend a 2-week, company training session.

Her husband drives her to the airport and wishes her to have a good trip.

The wife answers : "Thank you honey, what would you like me to bring for you?"

The husband laughs and says:

"An Italian girl !!!"

The woman kept quiet and left.

Two weeks later he picks her up in the airport and asks:

"So, honey, how was the trip?"

"Very good, thank you."

"And, what happened to my present?"

"Which present?" She asked.

"The one I asked for - an Italian girl!!!"

"Oh, that" she said;

" Well, I did what I could, now we have to wait for few months to see if it is a girl !!!"

Moral of the story:

Don't tempt a woman, they are dangerously intelligent!

☒ "According to a new survey, women say they feel more comfortable undressing in front of men than they do undressing in front of other women. They say that women are too judgmental, where, of course, men are just grateful."

--Robert De Niro



Sunday Drive & In Memoriam

April Sunday Drive:

On Sunday the 7th of April another one of our very popular Sunday Klaverjas Drives was held.

It was a beautiful warm autumn day, which was appreciated by the players as we had 7 tables.

This also shows that the small increase in admission fee was very well accepted, which flies in the face of certain sceptics who did not agree with this measure.



Winners Tony, Freda & Wilma ready to spend their winning vouchers at the Neerlandia shop.

And as usual there was a very good atmosphere and a fierce competition.

However, the day belonged to the ladies as they managed to take away all the prizes.

The day began as usual with the customary cup of Coffee and Lunch was great as usual. A big thank you to those ladies who time and time volunteer their services for the benefit of others.

The winners of the day were:

1st Prize: Tony Liebregts 7078 points

2nd Prize: Freda Hovingh 6678 points

3rd Prize: Wilma Mitchell 6435 points

Well done and we hope to see you all again next month.

The next Sunday card drive will be on Sunday the 5th of May and the one after that on Sunday the 1st of June.

Gerry Creemers

IN LOVING MEMORY

We received notification that the following member has passed away:

John Kengen (4 April 2013)

Our sincere condolences to his family from the Dutch Society Neerlandia of WA Inc and the Carnivals Club The Sandgropers



May He Rest in Peace.

DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland

- ... Bitterballen, Krokette & Frikandellen.
- ... Van Wees Rookworst.
- ... Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- ... **Gerookte Makreel**
- ... Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- ... Groenten in glas en in blik
- ... Piccalilly & Zoet-Zure Augurken. (Bommen of Party Sticks)
- ... Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuut
- ... Gestampde Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- ... Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaasjes en Speculaas Brokken
- ... Stroopwafels en een sortering van andere koekjes

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Elke Woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede Donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke Donderdag avond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| Iedere Vrijdag | van 10.00 am - Noon |

De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Three Dutch Tall Ships will visit Perth



From Zeeland to Australia and beyond:

Historic fleet sails around the world in the wake of Jansz, Tasman and Van Diemen

Three Dutch Tall Ships sail around the world from 2012 to 2014. The fleet exists of 'Oosterschelde', a monumental three-masted schooner, the square rigged bark 'Europa' and the sailing lugger Tecla. The ships follow the route of Dutch explorers such as Cornelis de Houtman, Abel Tasman and Van Diemen. During this circumnavigation they will pass the three notorious Dutch-named-capes: Cape of Good Hope, Cape Leeuwin and Cape Horn.



Route: via Brasil to South Africa

At the end of 2012, the three-masted schooner 'Oosterschelde' and the sailing Lugger 'Tecla' departed from the Netherlands, following ancient trade routes past the Cape Verde Islands and Brazil to Cape Town. At the same time the three-masted bark 'Europa' is sailing east after completing an expedition to Antarctica. At the beginning of May 2013, all three ships will meet in Cape Town. Departure Rotterdam, September 2012

Cape Town

Cape Town will be the first port, after Rotterdam, where the ships will meet. All three ships stay in port for at least 10 days, preparing for the next part of the circumnavigation. From here onwards, the ships stay closely together. Cape Town is a place with many interesting historic connections with the Dutch Sailing history and we will use our time in port to show our ships to the people of Cape Town.

Australia and Antarctica expedition

The voyage (from Cape Town) brings all three ships to Durban, Mauritius and on to Perth (Australia). Then course will be set for Adelaide, Melbourne and Hobart. From Hobart to Sydney and Auckland we will participate in the Tall Ships' Regattas. After completing this Tall Ships' events, the fleet starts preparations for a long journey around Cape Horn late November 2013, to the Falkland Islands. After this long journey, 'Oosterschelde' and 'Europa' set sail to Antarctica for several expeditions.

Who can take part in these voyages?

Everyone can experience crossing the oceans on board of these traditional sailing ships during one or more legs of this historic circumnavigation. No sailing experience is required. The professional crew of the ship is more than willing to explain and teach the guest crew members about navigation, sail handling, square rig sailing and much more. All ages and nationalities can participate. There will be frequent radio contact between the ships. People ashore will be able to follow the tracks and read ships' updates on their website.

Companies and organizations

Besides the possibilities for individual guests it is also possible for companies and organizations to take part in this unique project by chartering the ship for an event while in the harbours we visit.

We can also provide special sponsor programmes for larger companies to use (a part of) the voyage for their marketing and publicity purposes local and worldwide.

For contact and more information please see details below:

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Dutch Tall Ships /About the ships:

Just like in ancient times, the fleet exists of sailing ships, that differ in size and rigging. All three ships are comfortably equipped and suitable for corporate events, receptions and (private) parties. An event on board gives you the opportunity to meet colleagues, customers and other invitees in an inspiring 'Dutch' environment.



'Oosterschelde'

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Capacity sailing voyages: 24 persons.

Events: 120 persons.

More information on: www.oosterschelde.nl

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‘Europa’

The bark ‘Europa’ (1911) travels the oceans all over the world and developed a reputation since 1994 as a ship that ‘really sails’. The ship is being sailed by a professional and guest crew of all nationalities and ages. Tall Ship lovers, even without experience, can steer, hoist the sails and navigate the ship.

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Capacity sailing voyages: 48 persons.

Events: 100 persons. More details on: www.barkeuropa.nl



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The Tecla (1915) is a former herring lugger, built in Vlaardingen.

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Capacity sailing voyages: 16 persons.

Events: 50 persons

Website: www.tecla.nl

A possible event

A large event on all three ships in the harbour, would be a very special happening that your (business) relations will not forget soon.

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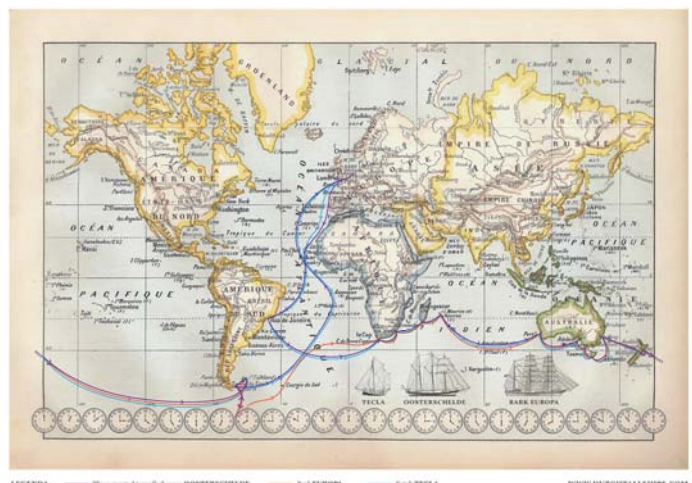
Making use of the ships for other events

Besides the event possibility we have described above, it is also possible to make use of the ships individual, based upon your wishes. We can make you a personalized offer for an event, purely based on the way you would like an event to be.

The rental of the ships during (business) events is € 1250,- per hour for ‘Oosterschelde’ and ‘Europa’ and € 750,- for ‘Tecla’. For an event, we calculate a minimum of three hours, including one hour for setup and cleaning. Besides the rental, we will calculate the costs for the catering based on your wishes and service costs.

The ships can be used for events (upon request and availability) in the following harbours and dates:

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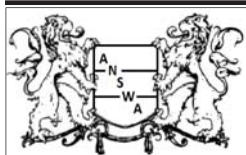
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Anne Rietveld



From the President:

and I hope that by the time I am there spring will have arrived.

ANSWA is holding their annual Memorial Service this year on Saturday the 4th of May.

The service will start at 9.30am at the Dutch Enclave in Smythe Road, Nedlands.

The Dutch Singers will be there to sing the Dutch and Australian Anthems and hymns. After the service you will all be welcome to come to the Dutch Clubhouse Neerlandia for Coffee and "Appeltaart" and Dutch Goodies.

I hope that many of you will be able to come to this Memorial Service.

On the 11th of March three of my five 5 children obtained their Dutch citizenship.

The ambassador of the Netherlands Annemieke Ruigrok conducted the ceremony. It was a very moving occasion for me and I am very proud of them.



Tony, Jacqui and Sue

I have recently made up a collage of attendees at our 1952 ships Reunion last year. It will be on display at Neerlandia so look out for it next time you are at the clubhouse. If anyone is interested in having a copy of his or her photo it is available. Mr Henri Koldenhoven has copies of all the photos on display. You can contact Henri on 0408 740 680 or by email on henri.k@bigpond.com

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I read a very interesting article on the Dutch news regarding bullying in Dutch schools. A very big problem in our Australian schools as well. This article will show what schools will be required to do to tackle the problem.

“Schools to be required by law to tackle bullying as a “key ask”

Monday 25th of March 2013

The government is introducing a new strategy to deal with school bullying, after two high-profile suicides by teenagers in recent months.

Schools are to be required by law to take action to combat bullying and school inspectors will be able to step in if schools fail to protect pupils properly, according to the new strategy, which was presented on Monday.

The proposals, drawn up by the education ministry and children's ombudsman, form part of a major report on bullying following the death of Tim Ribberink and Fleur Bloemen.

They are tragic examples which make it clear urgent attention is needed for bullying and safety in school the report states.

Teachers

Teachers are to be given extra training to learn how to identify bullying and to combat it. Extra attention will also be paid to the subject at teacher training colleges. One of the school key tasks is to ensure a safe environment the report states. It has to be clear to everyone that bullying is unacceptable. The new measures will apply to both primary and secondary schools.

The report also points out that there has been a surge in the development of anti-bullying programmes, not all of which are effective.

The ministry is therefore expanding its research into anti-bullying techniques to determine which works best. Once decided, schools will be required by law to implement one of them.”

It will be quite interesting how successful this will be.

President ANSWA

Anne Rietveld

Making Australia HOME!

The History of Migration Experiences (HOME) Centre at Curtin University in conjunction with the Western Australian Museum Welcome Walls program invite you to join them Sunday afternoons in Fremantle at the Maritime Museum.

HOME Centre and the Western Australian Museum will be hosting a series of interviews with prominent migrants who “Came by Sea”. Enjoy an afternoon at the Maritime Museum as interviewer Verity James explores the lives of well-known migrant families from Western Australia. Find out how they and their families experienced migration and resettlement. Listen to the challenges and opportunities they encountered along their path to success. Experience the roller-coaster of emotional experiences as Verity James delves into the memories of our fabulous guests. Come meet our interviewees, hear their stories and participate with your questions.

First guests: Former West Australian Governor Ken Michael and his wife Julie Michael.

Venue: NWS Shipping Theatre, Maritime Museum, Victoria Quay, Fremantle.

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PROPOSED PROJECT ON DIRK HARTOG ISLAND TO COMMEMORATE VISITS BY DUTCH, FRENCH, AND BRITISH NAVIGATORS

The first known European visit to the west coast of Australia was by Dirk Hartog in the *Eendracht* on 25 October 1616. He landed at what is now known as Cape Inscription on Dirk Hartog Island, leaving a pewter plate, inscribed with a record of his visit and nailed to a post standing upright in a rock cleft on top



Hartogh nails his plate to a post on Dirk Hartog island in 1616.

of the cliff. That plate, now held in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, is the oldest known record of a European landing in Australia.

Dirk Hartog's discovery soon afterwards resulted in 'The Land of the Eendracht' appearing on world maps, replacing the mythical southern continent of 'Terra Australis Incognita'. Dirk Hartog's discovery was 10 years after Willem Jansz in the *Duyfken* had charted the west shore of Cape York Peninsula, but Jansz thought that it formed part of New Guinea. Consequently Jansz's discovery had little effect on world cartography, whereas Dirk Hartog's find had a major impact. During the rest of the 17th century most of the west, south, and north coasts of Australia were mapped by Dutch navigators of the Dutch East India Company (the V.O.C.).

Dirk Hartog's plate was recovered by Willem de Vlamingh in 1697 during his voyage of discovery along the coast of Western Australia between the Swan River and North West Cape. Vlamingh in turn left a pewter plate inscribed with a copy of Dirk Hartog's inscription, together with a record of his own visit, and nailed it to a post of cypress pine that he had collected at Rottnest Island. The post was placed in the same rock cleft on top of the cliff.



Willem de Vlamingh

The plate left by Willem de Vlamingh was in turn found in 1801 by members of Nicolas Baudin's French expedition. Baron Emanuel Hamelin, the skipper of the *Naturaliste*, decided that it would be sacrilege to remove the plate from the place where it had remained for more than a century. Consequently he nailed the plate to a new post, again putting it in place in the rock cleft at the top of the cliff.

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Members of the 1818 French expedition retrieving de Vlamingh's plate.

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Vlamingh's plate remained at Cape Inscription for only another 17 years. Louis de Freycinet, who had been one of Hamelin's junior officers, had been dismayed by his commander's decision to leave the plate, believing that its proper place was in a French museum. Consequently, after he had gained command of his own ship he returned to Cape Inscription in 1818, recovered the plate, and took it to Paris. The famous plate was eventually returned to Australia by the French Government, and is now a treasured item in the collection of the WA Maritime Museum. Baron Hamelin left his own inscription on a piece of lead sheet, nailed to a post on a prominent headland elsewhere on the island, without giving a precise description of its location. That lead plate has remained undiscovered since then, and may well lie buried below sand at a headland on Dirk Hartog Island.

Another famous person to land near Cape Inscription was the British navigator and naturalist, William Dampier. He went ashore in 1699 at a place now known as Dampier Landing. At this place Dampier made the first scientific collection of Australian plants, which is still preserved at Oxford University. The collection was briefly returned on loan to Western Australia in 1999 to mark the tricentenary of Dampier's visit.

The French navigator François de St Allouarn landed in 1772 at Turtle Bay, close to Cape Inscription. He climbed the cliff there, burying two bottles, one of which contained a parchment with a written statement that the west coast of New Holland had been claimed in the name of the King of France. Two silver coins were placed below lead caps on the tops of the bottles, and these coins, the lead caps, and one of the bottles, were recovered in 1998. The parchment had by then disappeared.

Philip Parker King, the well-known British navigator, also left a record of his visit to Cape Inscription in 1822. He spelled out his name using nails hammered into Hamelin's post. The posts left by Vlamingh and Hamelin were eventually removed to Perth in 1908, at the time when a lighthouse was to be constructed at Cape Inscription. They are now in the WA Maritime Museum.

The three closely placed localities at the north end of Dirk Hartog Island — Cape Inscription, Turtle Bay, and Dampier Landing — are among the most important historical localities in Australia, and indeed they are of major international importance.

At present there are no suitable facilities for the public to visit the area in order to view these historic places.

An appropriate way for Western Australia to commemorate the 400th anniversary of European contact with Australia would be for the old lighthouse keepers' quarters at Cape Inscription to



Lighthouse Keepers Quarters

be restored as a visitors' centre and for an airstrip to be constructed nearby to allow for day visits by members of the public. Appropriate memorial plaques could be placed on the Cape Inscription Lighthouse to commemorate the historic visits by Dutch, French, British, and Australian navigators to Dirk Hartog Island. At the same time, replicas of the Dirk Hartog and Willem de Vlamingh plates could be placed on posts in the original cleft in the rock at the top of the cliff. Other memorials and plaques might be erected at Turtle Bay (for François de St Allouarn) and Dampier Landing (for William Dampier).

The project could seek funding and other relevant assistance from the Netherlands, French, British, Australian, and Western Australian Governments, and the Shire of Shark Bay.

A major ceremony, with distinguished Australian, Dutch, French, and British guests, could be held to mark the opening of the visitors' centre and unveiling of the memorials at an appropriate date during the spring of 2006.

At the same time an announcement could be made that the land component of the Shark Bay World Heritage Area would henceforth be known as 'The Land of the Eendracht'.

**Philip Playford,
March 2013**



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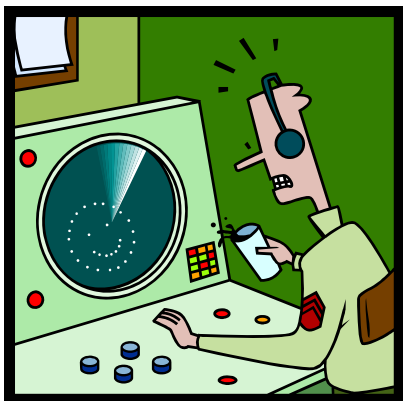
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The Abdication of Queen Beatrix



On 28 January 2013, **Queen Beatrix** announced that she will abdicate on 30 April 2013, on Koninginnedag (*Queen's Day*), in favour of her eldest son Willem-Alexander, the heir apparent to the throne. He will be the first king of the Netherlands in 123 years.

QUEEN BEATRIX (Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard, born 31 January 1938) is the queen regnant of the Kingdom of the Netherlands comprising the Netherlands, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, and Aruba.

Beatrix is the eldest daughter of Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld. In 1948, she became heiress presumptive to the throne of the Netherlands. When her mother abdicated on 30 April 1980, Beatrix succeeded her as queen of the Netherlands.

EARLY YEARS

Beatrix was born *Princess Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard of the Netherlands, Princess of Orange-Nassau, Princess of Lippe-Biesterfeld*, on 31 January 1938 at the Soestdijk Palace in Baarn, The Netherlands.

She was the first child of princess Juliana of the Netherlands and Prince Bernhard of Lippe-Biesterfeld.

WORLD WAR II

World War II broke out in the Netherlands on 10 May 1940. On 13 May, the Dutch Royal Family evacuated to London, United Kingdom. One month later, Beatrix went to Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, with her mother Juliana and her sister Irene, while her father Bernhard and maternal grandmother Queen Wilhelmina remained in London. The second sister of Beatrix, Princess Margriet, was born in Ottawa in 1943. During their exile in Canada, Beatrix attended nursery and the primary school "Rockcliffe Park Public School".

On 5 May 1945, the German troops in the Netherlands surrendered. The family returned to the Netherlands on 2 August 1945. Beatrix went to the progressive primary school *De Werkplaats* in Bilthoven. Her third sister Princess Christina was born in 1947. On 6 September 1948, her mother Juliana succeeded her grandmother Wilhelmina as queen of the Netherlands and Beatrix became the heiress presumptive to the throne of the Netherlands at the age of ten.

EDUCATION

In April 1950, Princess Beatrix entered the Incrementum, a part of the "Baarnsch Lyceum", where in 1956 she passed her school-graduation examinations in the subjects of arts and classics.

On 31 January 1956, Princess Beatrix celebrated her 18th birthday. The same year her studies at Leiden University began. In her first years at the university, she studied sociology, jurisprudence, economics, parliamentary history and constitutional law. In the summer of 1959 she passed her preliminary examination in law and she obtained her law degree in July 1961.

MARRIAGE and CHILDREN

Princess Beatrix married Claus von Amsberg on 10 March 1966 in civil and religious ceremonies.

Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus have three sons: Prince Willem-Alexander (b. 1967), Prince Johan Friso (b. 1968) and Prince Constantijn (b. 1969).

The royal couple lived at Drakensteijn Castle in Lage Vuursche with their children until Princess Beatrix became Queen. In 1981 they moved into Huis ten Bosch Palace in The Hague.



The Royal Family some years ago

REIGNING QUEEN

On 30 April 1980 Beatrix became the monarch when her mother abdicated.

On 6 October 2002 the Queen's husband, Prince Claus, died after a long illness.

On 29 and 30 April 2005 she celebrated the 25th anniversary of her reign. On 30 April 2013 Beatrix has been on the throne for 33 years.

Beatrix stated that it was time to place the responsibility for the country in the hands of a new generation.

After her abdication, Beatrix will return to Kasteel Drakensteijn in Lage Vuursche, where she lived between 1963 en 1981 with her three sons.

The Crowning of Prince Willem-Alexander

PRINCE WILLEM ALEXANDER



On 30 April 2013, Prince Willem Alexander will ascend the throne with the regal name of **Willem-Alexander** and become the first king of the Netherlands since the death of his great-great-grandfather, William III, in 1890. When Willem-Alexander becomes king, his 9 year old daughter, Catharina-Amalia, will become heiress-apparent.

Crown prince Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, in full Willem-Alexander Claus George Ferdinand, Crown Prince of the Netherlands, Prince of Orange, born April 27, 1967, in Utrecht, the Netherlands.

Willem-Alexander is the son of then Princess Beatrix and Prince Claus.

First in the line of succession since his mother's accession to the throne on April 30, 1980, he also bore the title of Prince of Orange.

The sandy-haired youngster's early years were spent at Drakensteyn Castle with his two brothers, Johan Friso and Constantijn.

Prince Willem-Alexander received most of his education in the Netherlands and in 1985 completed an international baccalaureate at Atlantic College, near Llantwit

Major in Wales.

After military service in the Royal Dutch Navy, he studied history at the University of Leiden from 1987 to 1993.

The crown prince was responsible for performing various official duties; he represented the royal family at national and international events, accompanied the queen on state visits, and paid working visits to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba. He acquainted himself with various government agencies and non-governmental organizations and addressed international conferences on water management, a particular concern of his.

Interested in sports, the crown prince's personal pursuits included tennis, running, skiing, and skating.

In 1986 he completed the Elfstedentocht (Eleven-Cities Tour) skating marathon and in 1992 he ran the New York City Marathon. In 1998 he began a period of service on the International Olympic Committee that would span more than a decade. Also an avid pilot, he flew as a volunteer for charitable organizations in Africa.

MARRIAGE



On Feb. 2, 2002, Willem-Alexander married Argentine-born Máxima Zorreguieta (thereafter Princess Máxima) in Amsterdam. Their many guests included foreign royals, other friends and family members and some Dutch political leaders. Security in Amsterdam was tight for fear of international terrorism in the wake of the September 11 attacks, which had taken place in the United States several months before; however, while some acts of peaceful protest

occurred in the city, the occasion was a festive one.

Thousands of well-wishers celebrated in public, with many displaying items in orange, the royal colour.

The couple's first child, Princess Catharina-Amalia, was born in December 2003, followed by Alexia Juliana in June 2005 and Ariane Wilhelmina Maxima Ines in April 2007.

30 April 2013

10.00-10.30 Abdication of Her Majesty the Queen in the Moseszaal of the Royal Palace Amsterdam.

10.30-10.50 His Majesty King Willem-Alexander, Her Majesty Queen Máxima and Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands appear on the balcony of the Royal Palace Amsterdam.

Those present will include the Presidents of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Council of Ministers for the Kingdom and members of the Royal Family, the governors and prime-ministers of Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.

14.00-15.30 Swearing in and investiture of the King at the joint session of the two Houses of the States General in the Nieuwe Kerk. The King will deliver an address and be sworn in.

—There will be huge celebrations to welcome the new King and Queen —

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.



Willem, Maxima and their three daughters

Profile of a Past President - Karel Nissen



This column will give the reader the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Club and how, with dedication, loyalty and leadership, Neerlandia grew to what it is now. Following the story of Karel Nissen in the series: ***"Past Presidents"***.

Karel Nissen (1991-1995)

I was born on the 1st of February 1935 in Gendt, a small town near Nijmegen, Gelderland.

After completing high school in Bemmelen, my first job was as a payroll clerk at the local brick factory, where I stayed until I was 19. Then I left to commence work as a labourer with my father, who was a builder.

I had two brothers who had already migrated to Australia and in 1955 my parents and I decided to migrate to Australia as well.

The three of us travelled on the migrant ship the Sibajak and finished up in Perth WA, after first spending two weeks in Sydney.

Initially I worked with my father laying bricks, but in 1956 I found work as a clerk at Plunketts Building Company in St Georges Terrace.

In 1958 I got a job at Elder Smith Livestock as an accounts clerk. They were in William Street, next to the Embassy Ballroom. During this time I started studying Accountancy by correspondence.

In 1960 I joined CP Bird & Associates as trainee accountant, where I stayed for ten years. I often was sent to country towns such as Cunderdin, Wyndham Kununurra and others places. During my employment with them I completed my accountancy qualifications, one year ahead of schedule.

In my spare time, mainly on weekends, I did attend functions organised by various Dutch organisations and at one of their dances I met Ria and we got married in April 1960.

We not only had four lovely daughters, but they presented us with 10 grandchildren.

It was in 1961 that my parents decided to go back to the Netherlands and in 1962 Ria & I built our first house in Corbett Street, Scarborough.

In 1970/71 I left CP Bird and together with Terry Cruickshank and 2 partners we started an accountancy business in Fremantle known as Cruickshank, Nissen and Johnston.

This became Cruickshank, Nissen and Associates in 1972, then Cruickshank Nissen & Kestrel in 1975. Then the office moved to South Perth, opposite the Zoo and eventually in 1989 it became Nissen, Kestrel & Harford based in Subiaco.

I became a Commissioner of Declarations in 1973 and served as secretary on the School Board of St John's primary school for 11 years.

As a hobby I loved playing Draughts and became President and Secretary of the King Damas Draughts Club.

It was in that capacity that I became involved in the wider Dutch Community.

During the 1950 and sixties Perth had a vast number of Dutch organisations and as early as 1965 attempts were made to work together in order to obtain a Clubhouse for the entire Dutch Community. But those attempts failed. But in 1969 another attempt was made, this time by the Dutch Consul in WA, who took the initiative and he invited representatives from all Dutch clubs to a meeting. I represented the King Damas Draughts Club.

Agreement was reached to publish a combined monthly magazine and to take over a church periodical called "Contact", which had an accumulated debt of \$800.00.

An interim Committee was formed on the 24th of June 1969, that consisted of Nico Feddema, President; Pieter Leeftang, Secretary; and Karel Nissen, Treasurer.

The three of us were the foundation Office Bearers and it was also the beginning of the Dutch Society Neerlandia and my involvement with it.

After a while I had to give my committee function away to concentrate on family and business, but in 1991 I returned to the Committee when I was nominated and elected as President, a position I held for 4 years.

It was not easy dealing with very independent and strong-headed committee members, but Neerlandia fared well in my first two years. But ongoing, extensive restorations and improvements in the lounge and the hall such as heating and air-conditioning projects took their toll and expenditure had to be reigned in drastically.

One planned project that never got off the shelf was the proposed extension of the lounge towards the garage and into the front parking area.

The highlight during my Presidency was no doubt the 25th Anniversary of Neerlandia in 1994. This was specially significant for me as I had been involved with the beginning of Neerlandia.

In 1995 I did not renominate and left the Committee.

Meanwhile Ria and I had joined the Carnaval's Club the Sandgropers, I was their Prince from 1989- 1990 and we were members for over 25 years. We also joined the Card Club Neerlandia and attended their weekly card evening for many, many years.

But in 2001 I re-joined the Committee once again, this time as Treasurer, a position I held for 9 years until 2010. At the end of that reign I had no option but to resign due to ill health.

From Foundation Member to President and Treasurer, I have had a long involvement with the Dutch Society Neerlandia, an involvement I never regretted.

I always found the Dutch Club an excellent way to stay in touch with the Dutch Community in a way that allowed the whole family to be involved.

I wish the present Committee and the Club all the very best for the present as well as in future years.

Karel Nissen.

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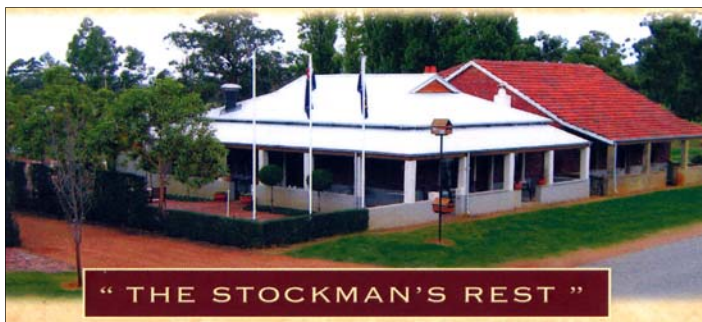
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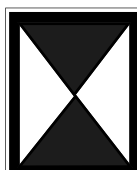
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End of Month Drinks in March

End of month Drinks March

For the past 12 months, Marion and Annelie, together with Dora, were the driving forces behind the culinary scenes during the Friday End of Month Drinks. As I wrote last month, Marion had a change of jobs and she was therefore unable to work any longer during those Friday nights; Annelie went with her. So for March End of Month Drinks we did not have enough volunteers who were willing and able to cook for us that night. We decided that we would have "belegde broodjes" from the Dutch Butcher instead.



However, in the days leading up to the Friday night Dora and Anne offered to help out, because, as they said, "you can't have the Dutch Club without kroketjes". Very true but yet, you can't have kroketjes without volunteers! That night, Dora and Anne were unstoppable cooking chips, bitterballen and kroketjes while Liora and Elise went 100 miles an hour delivering the food to the tables.



Klaas Zuideveld (under the Ajax Shirt) brought his family & friends along. (2 pictures)



Admittedly, Marieke and I had nervously awaited the consequence of the new menu but again we were surprised by the turn out of about 90. Funnily enough, hardly any of the regulars were there, which confirmed that the big



Young or older, an Advocaatje always taste well.

attraction for the members of the Dutch Community is the traditional Dutch food that the club has to offer. It is therefore that I am so pleased to announce that Dora, Helna and Anne are the new Kitchen Crew and therefore we are back to the traditional menu. All we need now are helpers to bring food around. Some people told us that they don't mind helping out and we are now in the progress of making a roster. With enough enthusiasts on board, those on roster will only have to help out once in 3 or 4 months. Surely that is not too much in exchange for a continuation of the ever popular End of Month Drinks!

Lianna Parker.



I am having such a good time! And the chips are delicious.

Early Day Travel in Holland

Travel in Holland.

The history of transport goes back many thousands of years. In the early days walking was the only option as no roads were in existence as we now know them, but only tracks. How rough it must have been has been revealed on the 19th of November 1991 by a couple of hikers in the Otzal Alps, towering on the border of Austria and Italy, who found the well preserved frozen body of “Oetzy the Iceman”, exposed by melting ice. Apparently he was followed by an assailant who shot him in the head with an arrow some 5000 years ago, in dangerous mountainous terrain.

Slowly, as the populations on our planet multiplied, roads developed. It started in parts of China, Japan, India and a range of other Eastern countries like Cambodia, the former Persian Empire with its historical emperors Cyrus and Darius, now called Iran, as well as present day Iraq, the erstwhile Assyrian Empire with its leading city Niniveh.

Early on, no roads were in existence as we know them, rough tracks and unsealed roads criss-crossed the area of the Lower Lands and especially in Holland, skirting the many lakes and swamps around. The way to go was either to walk or use a horse if one was wealthy enough to keep one. Boats were a great way to move around as well and essential for fishing and to transport trade goods as well. To feed an increasing population it became essential to start draining the many swamps and small lakes, which were scattered over the area like holes in Swiss cheese. And so as from very early on, dikes were built to contain the sea during a storm and against flooding rivers in spring time, which were coping with a flood of melting snow and ice from upstream. By increasing the arable land surface and protecting these gains from flooding, it became necessary to build roads to access these projects and so in time a network of mostly unsealed roads connected the early settlements and later cities throughout the country.

The development of road traffic started after the wheel was invented. In pre-historic times, those heavy stones they stacked on top of each other like in Stonehenge near Salisbury in the south of England, were transported on tree-logs. These logs were the first wheels in existence. An inventive character then cut slices of these logs and fitted these onto an axle and from there a carriage developed. The Romans having subdued the Lower Lands, used already the ‘Carrus’ from which our present name ‘kar’ derived, which was a two wheeled military vehicle for heavy transport and fitted initially with



massive solid wheels.

They also were the first to construct a road system, around AD 50 under Julius Caesar,

called ‘Limes’ in Latin and paved with cobble stones, so they could quickly move their army units to their reinforced settlements or when required to do battle against the hostile Germanic tribes. Remnants of one of those roads can be viewed halfway the road from Leiden to Wassenaar and near Houten, believed connecting two forts named Traiectum the later Utrecht and Fectio, the later Vechten. A Roman general Corbulo ordered a canal to be dug in AD47 between the rivers Rhine and Maas, via the settlement Hadriani (present Voorburg). This canal connects the cities of Leiden and The Hague. Over many years after the erstwhile road system fell into total neglect by around 350 AD when the Romans gradually were withdrawing their troops from their far away occupied areas because of troubles at home.

A few hundred years passed by until the early medieval times, around 800, when exchange of goods between the various populations in Europe developed and waterway and road use increased. However road-travel in those days was rather hazardous on those mostly rough roads and brigands were often ambushing the travellers and then there were the many castles and fortress-like manors whose owners levied toll. The major waterways were easier and more comfortable to travel but also here toll often had to be paid to the local power in control of the area. Trade gradually increased in volume, boosted by the great ‘Hanseatic League’, which grew into a powerful economic trading alliance between cities and their guilds in the late middle ages. Luebeck became its centre with connections reaching from Novgorod in Russia to Bruges in present-day Belgium.

As with many other enterprises over the centuries, the League was gradually losing its influence in late 16th century due to the rise in competition and power from Dutch and English merchants.

Together with the now urgent need to turn the many swamps and lakes in Holland into arable land to feed the increasing population, better connections between the emerging cities were needed. And so the governors of these cities got together and over the years created a network of roads and waterways to facilitate safe and rapid movement. Sitting in a carriage on roads in those days was not so comfortable, in the summer dust penetrated into the carriage while in wintertime these roads were muddy and full with potholes, often causing an axle to break. Transport on water proved to be a favourite as it was safe, comfortable and cheap. As only relative well heeled people could afford a carriage with horses, boat transport proved to be very affordable. The first ‘Karossen’ or ‘Koetsen’ came into use around 1545 and consisted of an enclosed structure with a door on each side with curtained windows. This structure was either attached directly to the axles or later hung onto four leather straps, which invention made sitting in such a contraption more comfortable. However when a strap disintegrated, the coach would tumble and its passengers would get hurt. In Holland the ‘Draag koets’ and the ‘Sleep koets’ were popular for city use transport during

Early Day Travel in Holland

the 16th century onwards, because of the short distance to travel within the city walls. For intercity transport the 'Trekshuit' developed into the most popular way for cheap transport.



In Amsterdam being the major centre of trading during the Golden Age in the 17th century, Jan Fusting was a well

known coach builder, turning out 'koetsen' drawn by 2, 4 or 6 horses with one or two lackeys standing at the rear in all their finery like black shoes with silver buckles, white stockings, a colourful coat with scarf, white gloves and a 'tricorn hat' (three-pointed hat on their powdered wigs. In the early sixteen hundreds traffic jams were a daily problem on those narrow roadways alongside the many 'grachten' (canals) in Amsterdam and the first 'road-rages' are already on record. And so an ordinance was proclaimed by the governing powers of the city that 'koetsen' traffic was prohibited with the exception of those who came from outside. From this, the 'sleep-koets' and 'draag-stoel' became the chosen vehicles for the well-to-do.

The draagstoel was a one person box carried by two poles, one on each shoulder, elegantly decorated in- and outside, with curtained windows and door around so a person could be seen on his or her way and acknowledged as one of consequence. Of course they were only used for short distances, as the fashionable dressed carriers could not walk for very long with such a weight on their shoulders. The 'slaap-koets' could accommodate two persons and pulled by one or two horses. This structure with a door and windows each side was fixed onto a set of iron gliders like a sledge and pulled over the with cobble stones paved streets (looks a bit rough to me). This type of city transport proved to be popular and lasted till late 1700.

Water transport has been for ages the main venue in Holland to bring local products to their markets. So called 'zand-vaarten' were excavated for the sand, required for building up ground-levels, as a foundation for roads and for building purposes. At the same time these canals were then used by skippers to transport all types of products, thereby developing a regular, courier-type, time table by the 'beurt-skippers' in the course of time. As trade and prosperity increased in the 1600's, a need also developed for regular person services between the major cities in Holland and special 'trek-vaarten' were excavated for this purpose. The first one was the 'Haarlemmer Trekvaart' between Amsterdam and Haarlem. A whole network of 'trek-vaarten' developed

over the years totalling about 415 kilometres by the year 1700. In places where trek-vaarten crossed, a so called 'kwakel' was built; this is a narrow bridge, high above the water surface in the centre, where passengers could transfer from one boat to another to reach their destination.

Trekshuiten transport grew into big business and to illustrate this, I will give some examples, like: - Daily departure of 9 to 10 schuiten (ships) from Leiden and from Haarlem and it took about six hours to cover the thirty kilometres distance. Service started already as early as three or four o'clock in the morning and those who needed to go far away, a night service would be available, leaving ten or eleven o'clock and passengers then could sleep aboard. Many a time, an extra 'trekschuit' was anchored at the major route stations, ready to take off for those who were willing to pay the price and by hiring an extra horse together with the single one provided, so one could travel much faster than the usual line ships which travelled at speeds of around four kilometres an hour.



Around 1840 water transport was well regulated, with fixed time-tables and tariffs for all kinds of goods and luggage. The ships had a roof over an enclosed area and a bench along the sides. Cabin seats were more expensive than those in the open. Horses pulling these 'trekschuiten' had to be changed at certain points, like on the route between Amsterdam and Haarlem, where Halfweg became the staging post. At the same time, passengers could buy drinks and food and refresh themselves, as on board these items were not catered for.

In winter when the canals were frozen up, ice-sledges were used already since early 1600, many of them propelled by sail. However all effort was made to stop the ice from freezing up the 'trekschuit' route by hitching extra horses to the vessel.

The high period of 'trekschuit' travel was reached at the beginning of the 19th century, when around one hundred 'trekschuiten' daily departed from Amsterdam to all directions. There was an hourly service between Leiden and The Hague. Travel by road with the 'diligence' this time was much faster but three times more expensive. The trekschuit was the 'people's boat'. Many stories about this period of transport can be read in the famous book 'Camera Obscura', of which the final edition was published in 1851 by Nicolas Beets (1814-1903) under his pseudonym Hildebrand.

Until 1842 when the steam train started to take over, the 'trekschuit' was the most popular method of transport in the Netherlands.

Gerard Woerlee.

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The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase mistakes.

I found the last Codebreaker not easy, but once I found the words "protoplasm & tentacle", I was on my way. The April solution was:

A=12; B=1; C=24; D=14; E=9; F=3; G=17; H=10; I=2; J=15; K=6; L=7; M=19; N=18; O=5; P=16; Q=13; R=11; S=23; T=20; U=25; V=4; W=8; X=22; Y=21; Z=26.

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Sudoku - Easy

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Sudoku - Moderate

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